

Uncle Louey 'phoned this morning (18 April) to say a Canadian source reported (info received via letter or from Sov visitor in Canada - not clear) that there were arrests last fall in Kiev - Lvov - Rovno. Among those arrested were the following Bohdan HERN; Yuri KOS; Mykhaylo ^{L.F. Oukh} GONCHENY; Bohdan DUMPAN. Roxanne named Heryn as among ^{those} she knew were arrested and the latter three might well be the 3 names she said she could not remember.

Source also reported that a poet, Roman KUTLYN, during an oblast party meeting (oblast not specified), attacked the oblast sec'y for the part he played in the arrests of KUTLYN's literary colleagues. The sec'y reportedly stated reason for arrests was not what writers had written but for fact they smuggled literature to the west. The speech, copy of which Uncle has, which PZTUBA made before the Union of Writers is being widely circulated in the Ukraine. ^{reportedly} PZTUBA has written another blistering document entitled WHY to the CC CPSU.

(born 1942)
It was also reported that a young writer by the name of Roman LUBKIVSKY was arrested but Uncle said a poem of his appeared in the 4 Feb 66 issue of Literaturna Ukraina.

Vera Vovk had letter recently from Ivan SVITLYCHENY's sister stating she had not been able to write sooner because she was occupied for 3 months (implying she was under investigation or questioning during that period). She also said ~~xxx~~ Ivankor would like to write Vovk but is unable to do so at present.

Italian source sent them about 7 pages of notes on press conferences held for TARSUS which source attended. Source said that Dr. V. TARSUS asked TARSUS ~~xxxx~~ whether he was aware of any literary deviationist groups in the republics and satellites, specifically the Ukraine and Georgia. TARSUS said that not only were such groups present but that they were stronger than in Russia.

Martha and husband had card from KROTYCH who said he has now given up his medical practice completely and plans to devote full time to writing.

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